

TRADE, INDUSTRY, TECHNICAL and HEALTH EDUCATION

Certification/Credentialing Standards

Secondary/Postsecondary

Minimum Instructional Staff Qualifications:

1. Experience

Instructors shall have a minimum of four(4)years (8,000 hours) of progressive work experience in the occupation to be taught within the past six(6) years. Successful passage of an approved competency examination may be substituted for one-year(1) (2,000 hours) of work experience. Individuals who have earned two or more credits of instruction in an approved specialized secondary program with in the last five(5) years could receive credit towards work experience. One hour of instruction could equal one hour of the needed work experience.

Credit for up to two years (4,000 hours) will be given to those completing an Approved specialized postsecondary training program within the past five Years. In occupations governed by a licensing agency or board, instructors Shall hold a currently valid license

2. Preparation

Trade, Industry, Technical and Health instructors shall hold a high school diploma and or its equivalence.

Secondary Health Careers instructors shall be graduates of an accredited school in an appropriate health career acceptable to the supervisor of health education for the **State Board for Vocational and Technical Education**.

Postsecondary vocational nursing education instructors shall be graduates of an accredited school of nursing and hold a currently valid license as a registered nurse.

Other postsecondary health career instructors shall be graduates of a school accredited by the appropriate accrediting agency or board.

All secondary Trade, Industry, Technical and Health instructors shall complete thirty-six clock hours or two(2) semester credits of approved pre-service vocational teacher education (**BVED 433 Methods for Teaching Vocational and Technical Education**). In addition, they shall obtain approved in-service vocational teacher education credits, until a total of

fourteen(14) semester credits have been acquired. The total of fourteen(14) semester credits must be acquired **within a four-year period of teaching.**

3. **Five Year Renewal**

The succeeding renewal of the five-year certificate/license requires verification of a minimum of four(4) semester hours of college or university credit earned within the dates of the certificate/license. All five-year regular certificated/license teachers shall participate in sixty-four(64) clock hours of in-service related to the teaching field during the five(5) year teaching period. **Those instructors holding a lifetime licensure are exempt from this requirement.** All Service conference, licensed workshops, continuing education units(CEU), or licensed factory work sessions related to their field of instruction are accepted. Example: Attending the technical sessions of an All Service Conference would count sixteen(16) clock hours of in-service towards the needed in-service hours. Other work sessions may be accepted upon approval by submitting the work session description to the Trade, Industry, Technical and Health division of the State Board for Vocational and Technical Education. The license of the above mentioned work session must indicate the number of in-service clock hours.

NOTE: All instructors who are currently certified/licensed as a five (5) year regular status instructor would begin fulfilling the update requirements of standard three upon their succeeding renewal date(i.e. minimum of four(4) semester hours from a college or university and sixty-four(64) clock hours of in-service related to the teaching field.

4. **Reentry**

A certified/licensed applicant who has been out of teaching for a period of more than five(5) years must earn a total of eight semester hours of college or university credits, related to the teaching field along with two(2) years of related verified occupational work experience in the occupation to be taught. College or university credits may be obtained during the first two(2) years of reentry contracted service. One half of the required credit hours must be earned before entering the second year of the renewal period.

5. **Degree**

All secondary Trade, Industry, Technical and Health Education instructors are encouraged to acquire a baccalaureate degree in Vocational and Technical Education within ten years of their regular credentialing anniversary.